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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/632,179	<b>Applicant(s)</b> GAILLARD ET AL.	
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 17 February 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The examiner has considered the 8 IDS filed on 11/21/03. See accompanying copies of PTO-1449.



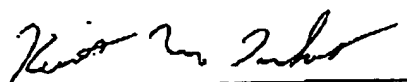
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### REMARKS

This amendment is filed to correct typographical errors in claims 3, 12, and 17. Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced in this response. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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